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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Dessau Area

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On 5 May 1951, a Soviet tent camp was observed in the woods 1.5 km southwest of Mosigkau, along the Northern (N 52/D 95) - Mosigkau road. were identified at the camp. On 8 May, source determined that the camp was a major supply dump apparently serving the units practicing in the area. Numerous trucks, dug in and camouflaged, were observed in the Loedderitz (N 52/D 97) forest. Local residents stated that three bridges between Rietzneck (N 52/E 07) and Brambach (N 52/E 0) had been constructed during the night of 7 May and had been used by numerous tanks on 8 May. A train of 30 to 40 cars carrying an undetermined number of trucks with 2 field guns, 2 x 80-mm mortars and 1 twin-barreled AA gun mounted on a truck was observed at the Dessau-South railroad station on 7 May. The train engine came from the Bitterfeld depot and had no 526898.

On the evening of 6 May, 15 standard tractors, 15 x 100 mm and Dessau freight yard. The troops escorting the shipment wore red-bordered black epaulets.

In the afternoon of 6 May, a continuous movement of motor convoys with artillery pieces and pontoons was seen en route from Dessau to Aken on the Elbe River. The artillery pieces were about 105-mm, and had four-wheel mounts with pneumatic tires and barrels from 3 to 3.5 meters long.

The road movements of Soviet troops in the Dessau-Aken area apparently terminated on 8 May. However, tanks were loaded in Dessau for shipment to an undetermined destination on 12 May. From 180 to 200 flatcars were sidetracked at the Dessau freight yard on that day.

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5. On 12 May, a large troop camp occupied by engineer and artillery units was observed on the south bank of the Elbe River between Dessau and Aken. [REDACTED] that troops had constructed a bridge at Rietzmeck.

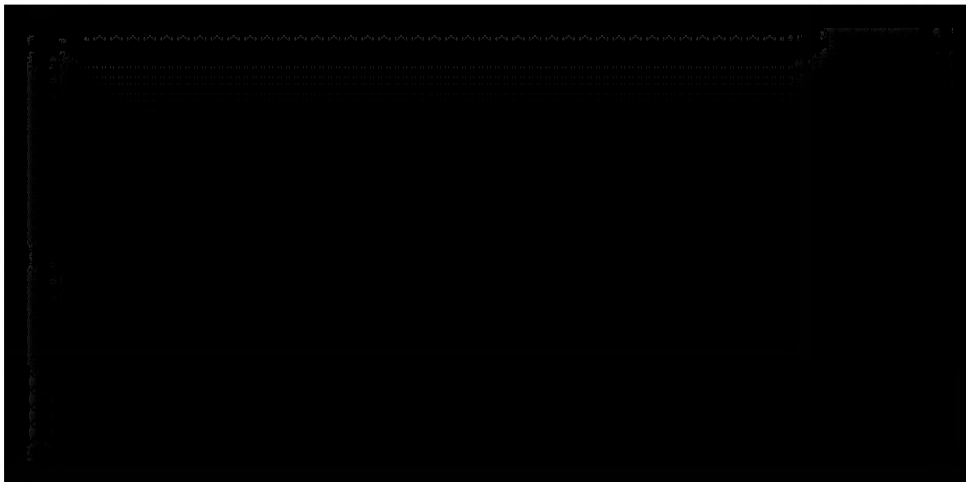
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6. On 12 May, heavy traffic of military vehicles, including vehicles of artillery, mortars, and engineer units, was observed in Rossau toward the camp on the Elbe River between Dessau and Aken. [REDACTED]

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